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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO UNDERSECRETARY SISCO FROM KUBISCH

1. I HAVE SPOKEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND MADE THE POINTS SET FORTH IN PARA 2 REFTEL. I TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT HIS REACTION OF YESTERDAY ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON THE CYPRUS RESOLUTION. I SAID THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UP DURING THE COURSE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT IN ANKARA LATER TODAY BUT THAT OBVIOUSLY THE SECRETARY COULD NOT GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THE SC RESOLUTION IN THE LIMITED TIME HE HAD AVAILABLE, AND I ASKED BITSIOS IF HE WANTED THE SECRETARY TO USE HIS TIME IN ANKARA ON THAT SUBJECT. BITSIOS WAS EMPHATIC, "CERTAINLY NOT," HE SAID. "THE SECRETARY HAS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO DO IN ANKARA," BITSIOS SAID.

2. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT I HAD BEEN ASKED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO A SC RESOLUTION THAT WAS ACCEPT-
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ABLE TO BOTH SIDES AND POINTED OUT THE ABSURDITY OF

VOTING A RESOLUTION TOMORROW WHICH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GOT, AND ACCOMPANIED BY A USG ABSTENTION, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE ABSENCE OF A NEGOTIATING FORUM ESSENTIAL TO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS. I SAID SUCH AN OUTCOME MIGHT BE A VICTORY FOR THE GREEK SIDE OVER THE TURKS, AND MAKE THE GREEKS FEEL BETTER, BUT IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY TURN OUT TO BE A PYRRHIC VICTORY IN TERMS OF ITS CONSEQUENCES.

3. BITSIOS ASKED ME WHAT WE WANTED HIM TO DO--GIVE HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK A BLANK CHECK TO ACCEPT ANYTHING THE TURKS WANTED? HE SAID HE COULD NOT DO THAT, AND IN ANY CASE, WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE IF THE TURKS DIDN'T GO ALONG OR IF THE RESOLUTION WAS CHANGED TO MAKE IT ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND THE CYPRIOTS DIDN'T GO ALONG?

4. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT WE DID NOT EXPECT HIM TO GIVE HIS REPRESENTATIVE A "BLANK CHECK" BUT THAT WE WANTED HIM TO INSTRUCT HIS REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM EARLY THIS MORNING NEW YORK TIME AND BE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ADOPT AS FLEXIBLE A POSITION AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES REPEAT BOTH SIDES. I SAID HE COULD COUNT ON THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WORKING VERY HARD ON THE GOT BUT THAT AS HE HAD ACKNOWLEDGED IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SECRETARY NOT SPEND HIS LIMITED TIME IN ANKARA ON SC OPERATIONS BUT ON THE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS FRIDAY AND THAT I HAD COVERED HERE IN MY MEETINGS YESTERDAY.

5. BITSIOS AGREED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY TO CARAYANNIS TO MEET WITH BUFFUM AND TO WORK TOWARDS A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. BITSIOS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD AUTHORIZE CARAYANNIS SOME ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY, BUT HE DID NOT STATE SPECIFICALLY HOW MUCH. HE OBVIOUSLY WANTED TO GIVE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE, BITSIOS GOT THE FULL FORCE AND IMPORT OF OUR MESSAGE.

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6. AS OUR CONVERSATION ENDED BITSIOS, IN A VERY CORDIAL AND FORTHCOMING MOOD, VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD THE "BEST IMPRESSIONS" FROM HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN BRUSSELS FRIDAY AND OUR OWN MEETINGS HERE IN ATHENS YESTERDAY AND SAID HE WAS MOST HOPEFUL ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA.

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